

Israel developing nuclear missile warheads — report

LONDON (Agencies) — Israel is developing a nuclear warhead for a missile that can reach Arab capital cities, London's weekly *Observer* reported Sunday, citing unidentified "intelligence sources in Washington."

The report said the missile, known as Jericho, was test-fired with a warhead from Israel's Negev Desert into the Mediterranean Sea on May 16. It flew nearly 1,000 kilometres and has a potential range of 1,500 kilometres, the report said.

The weekly said Israel did not need to explode the warhead to test it because the development is being conducted with the help of computer simulation, which approximates the characteristics of nuclear explosions.

Developing without testing "also allows a government to maintain secrecy," the newspaper said.

The U.S. National Security Agency eavesdropped on the test flight and estimates Israel has

between 45 and 65 Jericho missiles, the *Observer* said.

The newspaper said: "The military significance of the missiles is that Israel will soon be able to hit Arab capitals, including Baghdad, with missiles fired from its own territory that are capable of carrying either conventional or nuclear weapons."

Israel has said virtually nothing about the highly classified Jericho and has never confirmed that it possesses nuclear weapons," the *Observer* said.

In Tel Aviv, a Defence Ministry spokesman declined comment on the new report.

The weekly said attention will focus on Israel's nuclear programme when Mordechai Vanunu, a former atomic energy

Israel deploys riot police in Sabbath cinema wars

TEL AVIV (R) — Religious Jews went on the warpath in two cities during another uneasy Sabbath in what has become known as the war of the cinemas.

Angry ultra-orthodox Jews, protesting at what they say is desecration of the Jewish holy day by film screenings, beat two journalists in Haifa, and in Jerusalem 1,000 police in riot gear with water canon kept religious militants from marching on cinemas.

The unrest is the latest in a long-standing dispute between secular Jews, demanding more entertainment on their day of rest and their observant co-religionists who say any commercial activity violates a sacred commandment to keep the day holy.

Although there have been clashes between the two groups in Haifa and Petah Tikvah, near Tel Aviv, the centre of the dispute has been Jerusalem. In Tel Aviv, cinemas, pubs and discotheques serve revellers throughout the Sabbath.

Arafat sacks representative in Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has dismissed his top representative in Lebanon following the murder of one of his loyalists in factional fighting, Palestinian sources said.

They said Zeid Wehbe was sacked and had been called out of Lebanon for consultations at the death of Rassem Al Ghoul, 38, a victim of friction between factions loyal to Arafat and pro-Syrian group.

A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) spokesman said earlier that Ghoul, abducted two days ago near the big Ain Al Hulweh refugee camp east of Sidon, was shot dead. His body was found Saturday.

Ghoul was the local head of Mr. Arafat's elite Force 17 group. He arrived to replace Hassan Al Haila, the previous commander, who was killed in Ain Al Hulweh in February.

Iran-Syria deal may have freed Glass

NEW YORK (R) — American journalist Charles Glass, who said he escaped from kidnapers in Beirut, may in fact have been released as a result of a secret deal between Syria and Iran, U.S. News and World Report has said.

The news magazine quoted intelligence sources in the region as saying the release of Glass, who was held hostage for 62 days, was one of several topics taken up at recent high-level talks between Syria and Iran.

It said Syrian President Hafez Al Assad was angered when a group linked to Iran kidnapped Glass last June 17 because he was the only hostage taken since Mr. Assad ordered Syrian troops in Beirut last February to keep order in the city.

The intelligence sources were quoted as saying Iran agreed to tell its adherents to free Glass after Mr. Assad assured Tehran he had not planned a raid against pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslim strongholds in south Beirut.

U.S. Gulf policy reportedly based on weak planning

NEW YORK (Agencies) — President Reagan approved U.S. naval protection for Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Gulf after his top advisers told him it could be done without a build-up of naval forces there, the New York Times reported Sunday.

The Times quoted White House, State Department and Defense Department officials as saying key policymakers considered few alternatives to the naval escort plan and did not see the move as particularly significant.

The senior advisers felt that with no increase in the number of U.S. vessels in the Gulf, Iran would refrain from attacking U.S. targets in the region, the paper reported.

When the plan for escorting reflagged Kuwaiti tankers was approved in March, the United States had only four vessels in the

Gulf, with a five-ship battle group nearby, it said.

By this week, however, the United States had decided to send 41 combat ships to the Gulf region.

Some officials told the paper that opposition in Congress, the U.S. naval buildup and news coverage had put pressure on Iran to retaliate. U.S. officials suspect Iran has mined the waters in and around the Gulf, where several ships have been damaged.

According to the Times, officials made these points on the formulation of U.S. Gulf policy:

— While the reflagging plan was under discussion within the administration for several months, the process accelerated in February when it was learned Kuwait planned to put some of its tankers under Soviet naval protection. Mr. Reagan approved

the plan on March 4.

— Intelligence officials gave weekly assessments in March that discounted the threat of Iranian retaliation, and a CIA warning of possible Iranian mining was countered by other analysts who downplayed the risk.

— The escort plan had the backing of senior advisers, including Secretary of State George Shultz, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, National Security Adviser Frank Carlucci and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral William Crowe.

— Opposition Democrats on two congressional military panels gave a lukewarm endorsement Saturday to President Ronald Reagan's Gulf policy.

Republicans in the House of Representatives, however, distanced from the report, saying it was too critical of the White House.

U.S. Navy encounters difficult conditions in Gulf

ABOARD THE U.S. GUADALCANAL IN THE GULF (AP) — Flight officers aboard this assault carrier have moved through the final 320-kilometre leg of the voyage as sandstorms and rough seas dimmed off the Saudi Arabian coast.

"By yesterday afternoon the winds had died. The seas became more calm and whatever difficulty there might have been had subsided," he said.

Adm. Bernsen said that except for the mine that damaged the Bridgeton, the convoys have had no trouble with the Iranians. There has been no activity at all in the central Gulf, he added.

"The Iranians don't like to be up here," he said, referring to the waters north of Qatar.

The admiral and officers aboard the Guadalcanal agreed that weather conditions over the Gulf, particularly the extreme heat and humidity, coupled with the dust from the shore, posed serious operational problems for the helicopters.

"There is a consideration here in the Gulf — it's very, very hot in the summertime, and the helicopter operations are affected by the intense heat, so we have to be a bit more careful and the pilots have to be a bit more careful," Adm. Bernsen said.

Adm. Bernsen said that in the first week of operations, the Sea Stallions had spotted only one suspected mine, off the coast of the United Arab Emirates, but the sighting was never confirmed.

"It might have been a 55-gallon drum, it might have been a Sea Turtle, it might have been a mine," he said.

"It might have been a lot of things, but I suspect that it wasn't a mine ... On the other hand it could have been a mine," Adm. Bernsen said.

He said it was "well off the track of the group we were escorting, and when they went back to take another look, they couldn't find."

Cmdr. Denis Tsukalas, 48, one of those commanding the minesweeping operations, said the heat and dust conditions over the Gulf had not caused any curtailment of the searches, although "these are probably the worst conditions they have ever worked under."

Solarz in UAE for talks

ABU DHABI (R) — U.S. Congressman Stephen Solarz, touring the Arabian peninsula to assess American foreign policy, Sunday conferred with United Arab Emirates (UAE) officials on the Gulf crisis.

The New York Democrat, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, met oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba and Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamdan Ibn Zaid.

Details of the talks were not disclosed and the U.S. embassy declined any comment.

The official Emirates News Agency (WAM) said the talks dealt with latest Gulf developments and bilateral ties.

Mr. Solarz has already visited Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain and will go on to Oman.

Mr. Solarz said Saturday after initial doubts, he now supported escorting Kuwaiti tankers with American warships to protect them from Iranian attack.

The congressman, a Democrat, spoke as his party colleagues in Washington declared their lukewarm support for the policy.

"We're likely to be saddled with this for a long time," Mr. Solarz told reporters in Bahrain, adding: "This is not a short-term commitment."

He said it was important for America's credibility in the region that the policy be carried out in full.

Earlier, Mr. Solarz held talks with leaders in Bahrain, where he met with Rear Adm. Harold Bernsen, commander of the American warships in the Gulf.

The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted an official source as denying a report in Saturday's Washington Post.

The Post quoted unidentified U.S. officials and diplomatic sources as saying Riyadh quietly agreed to allow carrier-based fighter planes and minehunting helicopters to land for refuelling and other support under emergency "in case of need" conditions.

He also disclosed Kuwait would charter two American supertankers, the New York and the Massachusetts, both 270,000 tons.

Mr. Solarz said the British had agreed in principle to refuel two Kuwaiti tankers.

The source quoted by SPA said: "The kingdom has denied such reports more than once."

Saudis deny offering facilities to U.S.

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It quoted one U.S. official as saying the Saudi-U.S. cooperation was more of an arrangement than a formal agreement to aid U.S. planes protecting U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti tankers.

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FOR THE TRAVELLER

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10:20 Larnaca (RJ) 10:30 Damascus (RJ) 10:30 Muscat (Dhofar) (RJ) 10:30 Abu Dhabi (Khalid) (RJ) 11:00 Cairo (Aqaba) (RJ) 11:15 Agaba (RJ) 11:30 Cairo (RJ) 11:45 Ankara (TOK) (RJ) 12:30 Kuwait (KU) 12:30 Ankara (IST) (RJ) 01:40 Paris (AF) (RJ)

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

The Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m.

Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle, Tel. 016344.

Lebanese Club. Meetings every Friday at the French Cultural Centre.

VIDEO

* Le 14 Juillet a Paris" at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

CULTURAL CENTRES

The Amman Cultural Centre Tel. 01611267

American Cultural Centre, 64371

French Cultural Centre, 6361478

Goethe Institute, 641943

Soviet Cultural Centre, 642402

Spanish Cultural Centre, 624049

Turkish Cultural Centre, 639777

Huya Arts Centre, 645195

International Youth City, 645196

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Amman Municipal Library, 637111

Univ. of Jordan Library, 635553

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafiyah, Tel. 775261

St. Ephrem Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafiyah, Tel. 771751

Amman International Church (Inter-denominational), meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafiyah, Tel. 775261

Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Jabal Amman, Tel. 623531

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 623533

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafiyah, Tel. 771751

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dudin reviews Bethlehem plans with mayor

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin conferred here Sunday with the mayor of occupied town Bethlehem, Elias Freij. They discussed projects being implemented by Bethlehem Municipality, as well as plans for undertaking other programmes to service city residents.

Australian envoy praises peace efforts

AMMAN (Petra) — Australian Ambassador to Jordan Terry Goggin Sunday voiced his country's appreciation of Jordan's efforts to arrive at a durable and just settlement to the Middle East problem through an international peace conference in which all concerned parties can meet under United Nations auspices. The ambassador was speaking at a meeting with Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabil Al Nimer, where he also reviewed developments in the Gulf conflict and the implementation of the U.N. Security Council resolution 598 aimed at ending the seven-year-old war between Iran and Iraq.

Jordan attends central bank meetings

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan is taking part in the meetings of the Central Bank Governors Council and of heads of monetary institutions in Arab countries which began here Sunday. Participants are discussing a project prepared by the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) for financing inter-Arab trade, in addition to working papers on the role of Arab central and commercial banks and in financing Arab exports. During their two-day meetings, participants will also discuss the latest developments and monetary policies of member states, and means of developing Arab financial markets. Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Hussein Al Qasem is heading Jordan's delegation to these meetings.

Liquor stores, bars to close for holiday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin announced Sunday that all liquor stores, night clubs, and bars will be closed throughout the capital and its suburbs as of Monday evening until Wednesday morning. This measure will be taken in respect for the New Hijri Islamic year which begins Tuesday, Aug. 25. Similar orders were issued Sunday by provincial governors to stores and clubs in their districts. Tuesday has been declared a public holiday with all government offices and public institutions closed to mark the holy occasion which will be observed by religious ceremonies in Jordanian mosques.

Petra head leaves for info meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The director general of the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Ali Al Safadi, left Sunday for Tunis at the head of Jordan's delegation at the meetings of the Permanent Arab Information Committee which begins today. The committee will discuss issues related to joint Arab information action and will submit its recommendations to Arab information ministers who will meet in Tunis Thursday.

Iraq, Jordan discuss Gulf war

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Muhammed Ma'rouf received here Sunday Jordan's ambassador in Baghdad, Helmi Al Lawzi. During the meeting, they reviewed existing bilateral relations. Mr. Ma'rouf praised His Majesty King Hussein's supportive stand with Iraq in its just war against the Iranian aggression. He also paid tribute to His Majesty's efforts aimed at achieving Arab unity and solidarity.

Organ, chorale concert at St. Mary's

By Jean-Claude Elias
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — On Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 8:30 p.m., a concert of chorale music will be given by organist Keith Chapman and the Church of the Saviour Chorale at St. Mary's of Nazareth Church.

Ammann has already hosted concerts of virtually all styles during the past decade, from rock to classical, but Tuesday's event is probably the first of its kind in Jordan.

Dr. Chapman and the accompanying 30-member chorale, conducted by Irvin S. Yeaworth Jr.,

come from Philadelphia in the U.S. They are on a tour of the Middle East which will take them to Jerusalem where, in addition to accomplishing their pilgrimage, they will also be performing at the Dormition Abbey, Mount Zion on Aug. 29.

Dr. Chapman is one of America's organ virtuosos and is the head organist of the Philadelphia Wanamaker Grand Court Organ, the largest musical instrument in the world. He began his musical studies at the tender age of five, and eventually received a doctorate in music.

Dr. Chapman has attained an international reputation, and a

Jordan, Iraq establish Arab geographic society

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Iraq announced Sunday the establishment of the Arab Geographers Federation (AGF), under the title "Geographic Knowledge in the Service of the Arab Nation."

The announcement was made at the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC) following a meeting during which Sabri Al Huteibi, president of the Iraqi Geographers Society, was elected as secretary general, and Mr. Rafat Majali, RJGC director general, was elected as deputy secretary of the new federation.

He said also that the federation will seek to unify geography curricula in various Arab countries and will organise programmes and seminars on various geographical subjects.

Dr. Huteibi said in a statement

that the Baghdad-based federation is the first of its kind in the Arab World. The federation will strive to support the work of various geographers associations in the Arab World and also geography faculties and research centres in Arab universities.

The new federation will organise a seminar in Baghdad in April and will issue a gazette to promote Arab geographic endeavours and to bolster cooperation among Arab geographers, Dr. Huteibi added.

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Mosaic from 6th century uncovered in Umm Qais

AMMAN (Petra) — A team of West German archaeologists digging at the site of Umm Qais in northern Jordan have unearthed a multicoloured mosaic plate inside an ancient Byzantine church dating back to the middle of the 6th century A.D.

A spokesman for the Department of Antiquities, which helped in the diggings, said that the mosaic is 1.2 by 2 metres in size with the names of three saints inscribed inside it, within a

framework of exquisite workmanship.

The plate has been removed and taken to the mosaics laboratory at the Franciscan Fathers Institute at Siyagha, also known as Mt. Nebo, west of Madaba, for the necessary restoration under the supervision of Father Michele Piccirillo, director of the Franciscan Archaeological Institute, the spokesman said. He said that after the restoration, the plate will be returned to Umm Qais.

Iraqi industry minister to attend company meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Iraqi Minister of Industry Hatem Abdul Rashid is due here today on a visit expected to last several days.

The Iraqi minister will take part in a general assembly meeting of the Jordanian-Iraqi Industries Company due to open later today. The meeting is expected to endorse a number of projects to be undertaken in Jordan and Iraq, according to an announcement Sunday.

The joint company last year took ownership of the Jordanian tomato paste factory and an Iraqi plant for pickling vegetables. The Baghdad-based company was set up three years ago with a capital of JD 20 million, shared equally by the Jordanian and Iraqi governments.

According to another announcement, Kamal Janzouri, Egyptian minister of planning and international cooperation, is

due in Amman Friday for an official visit. Dr. Janzouri will attend the general constituent assembly meeting of the Jordanian-Egyptian Joint Company for Investments due to open here Saturday. The under-secretary of the Egyptian Ministry of Planning, Medhat Abdul Aziz, arrived here Sunday for talks with Jordanian officials regarding preparations for this meeting.

The joint company has a total capital of \$50 million shared equally by both parties.

The Jordanian-Tunisian Joint Economic and Trade Committee is due to open a meeting in Tunis on Aug. 31, to review means of promoting trade.

An announcement here Sunday said that the Jordanian delegation to the meeting will be led by Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher.

Umm Qais to host cultural fete

AMMAN (J.T.) — An international cultural festival will be held in April in the historical site of Umm Qais in Irbid Governorate in an effort to restore and promote this archaeological site, Irbid Governor Akram Al Naser announced here.

The festival, he said, will commemorate the famous ancient Greek poet, Melcares, who was born and brought up in Umm Qais.

Greek culture minister, Melina Mirkouri, will be invited to this festival.

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A personal computer with two keyboards — one for typing and the other for music

Computerised music — a linkage of an oldest art and today's technology

By Jean-Claude Elias
Special to the Jordan Times

IN AN astonishing move, music making, one of man's oldest activities, is finding itself closely linked to the most modern and fast developing fields, computers. The surprise is only apparent. For, if music is unquestionably an art, its mathematical structure is also a sound fact. In a similar way, though less obvious, computer programming is science and a technique where art is often involved, depending on the nature and the final application of the programme.

Music is made of sounds. These can be very accurately defined in terms of frequency, harmonics, air pressure, duration, envelope, etc. The rhythmic structure of a musical piece can also be clearly defined. This set of information (data) can be entered and stored in the memory of a computer which can not only reproduce them but has also the possibility to "generate," more music based on the same data it has "assimilated," but with variations. These variations come from the person giving discrete orders to the computer by programming or by direct commands via a keyboard, or from mathematical formulas, or even at random, in which case some would say that the computer is "composing" music.

An attempt to feed music data into computers started some 25 years ago in the west and east coasts of the USA. Early synthesizers made by Robert Moog, based on analog electronic circuitry, are museum pieces when compared

with today's modern digital ones. One of the most successful performances on the Moog synthesizer was Wendy Carlos' "Switched-on Bach" in 1968. However, as interesting as it might have been, the old synthesizer has a major weakness: with its limited analog electronics, it could only imitate, to a certain extent (sometimes awfully), natural sounds. It did not have the possibility to memorise the natural, the real sound. In this respect the Moog machine has little to do with today's computerised systems.

Recently, with the availability of extremely fast electronic chips, some of them can store up to one million characters a piece, computers and digital synthesizers have been able to "sample" and memorise natural sounds. Sampling consists of recording the natural sound, of an acoustic piano for instance, in the memory of a digital device such as a computer, a sampler or a synthesizer. Subsequently the device allows the performer to reproduce piano sound without the need for the real piano anymore. Perfecting the sampling technique has led to the now well known compact or laser disc.

Although digital recording still requires a storage capacity well beyond the capacity of a simple personal computer, it will probably be at the reach of home recordists at the turn of the next decade. The very possibility to store music in a computer memory opens a whole new world of creativity for the musicians. Editing becomes much simpler with

digital devices. What used to take expensive and sophisticated studio recorders (and expensive sound engineers...) can now be done better, faster on computers. A major benefit with digital devices is the non-degradation of the sound through the editing and manipulation processes. For example, if a regular cassette tape is duplicated three or four times, the fourth copy will have much more distortion and noise than the first one. With digital recording even the millionth copy would keep the characteristics of the first one. Mixing, dubbing, multi-tracking and other recording techniques can be achieved with near perfection. Some music editing tasks that were impossible on traditional analog devices can now be performed on computers.

Digital synthesizers based on computer structure have been on the market for five years now. Their price range makes them available even to the non professional musician. Some of them have built-in recording facility. They can also be interfaced with actual computers for more features. They can even be interfaced with each other. The industry has set a standard for these communications needs between digital instruments and computers, the music instrument digital interface (MIDI). The possibilities of MIDI are hard to believe.

The only aspect of the problem is the number of musicians who think that anyone owning a digital musical device can make good music. As extraordinary as they can be, they are only instruments or tools, and in the end, it takes a musician, a real human being, to make music.

With powerful yet inexpensive tools, drawbacks are unavoidable. Poor quality computerised keyboards are available for less than JD 80. Although considered as toys, they can do much harm to the ears of young promising musicians who find them easy to make noise with. Another aspect of the problem is the number of musicians who think that anyone owning a digital musical device can make good music. As extraordinary as they can be, they are only instruments or tools, and in the end, it takes a musician, a real human being, to make music.

When did the Marib Dam originate? Or the larger-than-life

understanding of the million it all cost.

It has been possible to give a total architectural impression. The visitor has the feeling of really wandering through alleyways and if one is not careful one stumbles on the clay soil and the litter, deliberately left there.

Looking up from the small market place, one sees antiquated electric cables and coloured-glass windows in the surrounding dwellings.

Certainly the masterworks of Islamic books are a considerable attraction. They are not under any kind of illumination, so as not to damage them, thus good eyesight is called for to appreciate them.

There are examples of work from the Rasulid dynasty (1228-1454) that glaze with light just as much as the many modern earings, armbands, necklaces and bangles.

The exhibition is on display in Munich until the end of this year when it then moves on to Amsterdam and Vienna — Stuttgarter Zeitung

Making up for lost time in Arabian art

By Hartmut Binder

THE first exhibition of Southern Arabian culture, from pre-historical times to the present, has been opened at the State Ethnological Museum in Munich.

The exhibition includes some of the most important artworks from the Yemen and excellent examples of Yemeni art that have had to be collected from all over the world.

Until recently the Yemen has been a very inaccessible country. The artefacts of its civilisation have not found their way into European and American museums as have artworks from Iran or the early history of the empires that developed in present-day Turkey.

Even today it is an adventurous undertaking to get to know about the country and its political set-up. The north of the region, where the most important historical buildings are to be found, has been closed to European influence most of this century so that this area is one of the poorest and least developed regions of the world.

In 1962 there was revolution and civil war that lasted seven years.

The result was that the region was divided into two independent states, the smaller, but much more populous Yemen Arab Republic in the north, with its capital in Sana'a, and the Yemen People's Democratic Republic dependent on the Soviet Union, in the south, with Aden as its capital. The British occupied Aden in 1839.

Museum officials in Munich have had to make contact with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, the British Museum, London, the Louvre in Paris, the Art-history Museum in Vienna, the National Museum in Sana'a and the Museum of Islamic Art in Berlin to be able to gather together representative exhibits for their Yemeni art exhibition.

From an academic point of view there was a lot of catching up to be done to gather information about Southern Arabian art and history.

Only over the past 20 years has the location and the real appearance of the ancient Southern Arabian inscriptions been known on which the chronology of the region's pre-history is based.

The dam at Marib, the most important technical construction in the whole of the Ancient World, has only been investigated over the past six years by German experts with support from the Volkswagen Foundation.

Based on this research the exhibition's punchy second title appears in an unfavourable light, "5,000 years of Art and Culture in Fortunate Arabia." It implies that the Yemen, as a cradle of civilisation, is comparable to other ancient oriental cultures, a civilisation in which the monumental culture of the people originated in the 10th century B.C.

Orientalists, many of them Biblical fundamentalists and not just the Americans, refer to the legendary visit, mentioned in the Old Testament, of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon, who mounted the throne in 965 B.C. She is generally believed to have come from the Yemen and not from Ethiopia.

The really interested visitor will be concerned with other things. Primarily with the reconstructed bazaar of the present, covering a thousand metres, a perfect reconstruction of the Sug of At-Tawila, made possible by the synthetic material styrofoam. This is much more authentic than anything that has been done previously.

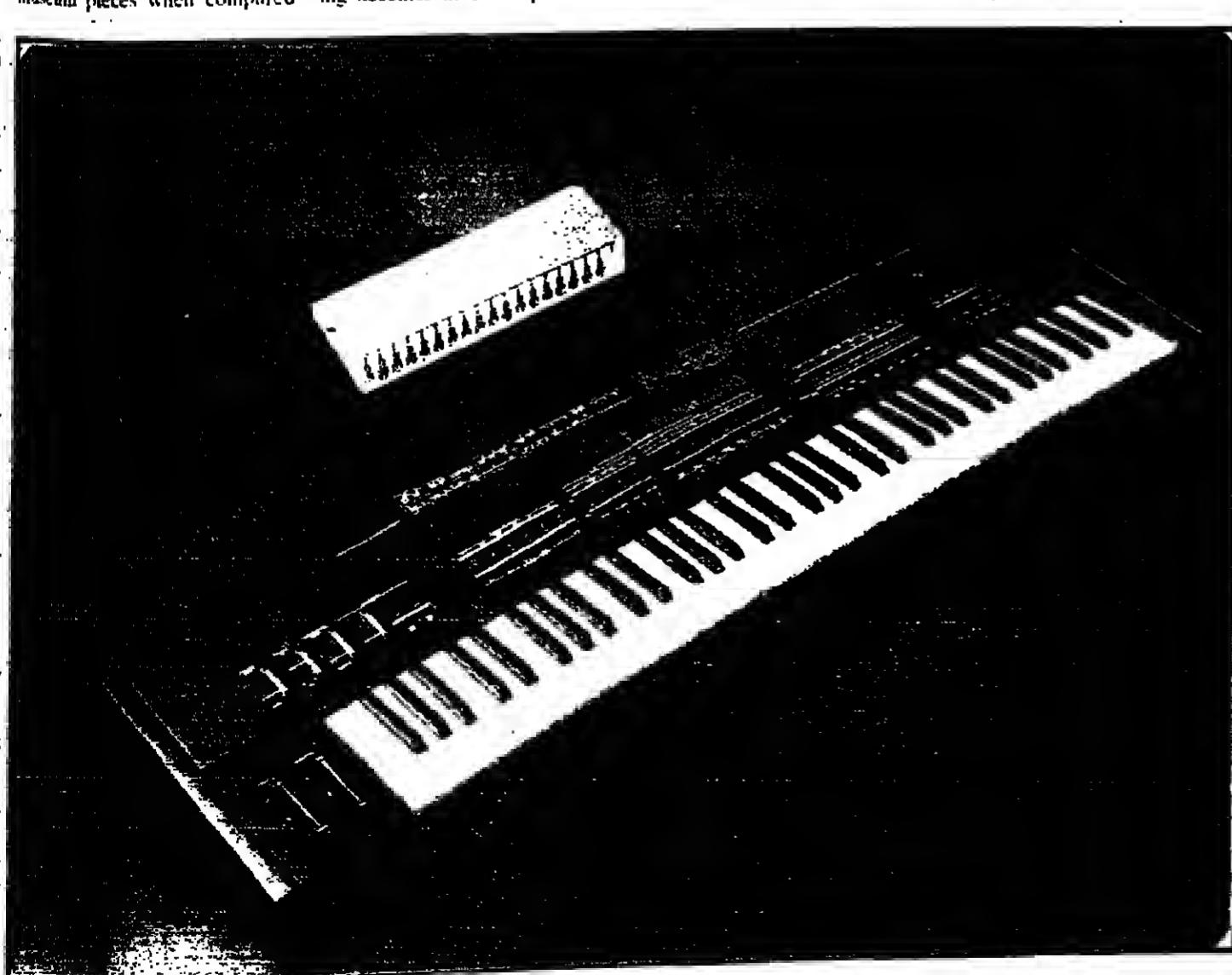
Doors open and the visitor is enticed to enter. He or she is in a kitchen, dominated by oriental cooking utensils. In contrast there is a luxurious room for the males of the house in traditional Arab style.

Further on in the shopping street there are jewellery shops, displays of cooking utensils (teapots of Camel brand) and tea houses with folding, metal stools with a picture of footballer Maradona on the wall.

Light has also been thrown on other aspects of life, and some



A bronze statue from what is South Yemen today. The statue dates back to either seventh or eighth century B.C.



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Kuwait downs Jordan, moves to Asian men's handball quarterfinals

By Rania Atalla
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordanian men's team Sunday lost all hope to move to the finals in the Fourth Asian Handball Championships in a crucial game with Kuwait as they trailed Kuwait 31-12.

As predicted by members of the Jordanian team in an earlier interview with the Jordan Times, the Kuwaiti team moved in a strongly co-ordinated single force to secure a position in the finals. The Jordanian team, although made up of strong "individual" players, could not integrate their skills in a team effort that would have matched the tough competition.

The Jordanian team used a 6:0 formation on the defence, occasionally into a 4:2 when faced Kuwaiti offensive presses. However, the Kuwaiti team was able to break into their defence securing 31-12 win.

Also on Sunday, the Chinese Taipei men's team lost in a close game to Bahrain with a final score of 26:25 while the Qatar team beat Nepal 41:11.

On the other hand, the Syrian women's team beat the Jordanian team 25:11. Commenting on their performance, Syrian team captain Samar Klass told the Jordan Times, "we expected to win because the Jordanian team has not been practising as much as we have, there was a difference in our skill level," she said.

By deadline time Sunday the games were still in progress and the results of the men's matches between Japan and Palestine, China and Syria were not yet in. The Japanese women's team beat the Chinese team 35:20. On Saturday, the Korean men's team beat the Chinese Taipei team 42:11 while China beat Syria 40:8.

Kuwait also registered a sweeping victory over Nepal with a final score of 41:6 while the Chinese team found no difficulty in beating the Palestinian team 31:17. On the same day, the Japanese team beat the Syrian team 24:18.

Qatar and Jordan also met on Saturday in a game that ended with a tie of 23:23. The Jordanian team played a tough game, using a 3:3 formation on the offensive and a 6:0 and 5:1 on the defensive. But the repeated mistakes and the fouls committed by the players affected the cohesiveness of the Jordanian defence enabling the team to register a victory over their opponents.

Ex-French racer reported killed in boat race

POOLE, England (AP) — Former French Formula One racing driver Didier Pironi was killed Sunday during an international powerboat race off the Isle of Wight, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported.

In a radio report, the BBC said Pironi was among three Frenchmen who died when their boat, the Colibri, overturned in the third leg of the 280-kilometre race.

Police and race organisers con-

firmed that three French competitors had been killed but said they could not immediately identify the victims.

The organisers, the Royal Motor Yacht Club in Poole, said the Colibri was one of 60 boats that had entered the offshore event, the Needles Trophy Race, from a variety of countries including Britain, France, Italy, Monaco and Sweden.

Pironi was listed as one of the crew members of that boat but we

can't say for certain that he was among those who died," said Sally Street, spokeswoman for the club.

"Certainly, this is the first time we have ever had any fatalities in 21 years of this race."

She said race officials did not stop the race after the Colibri capsized.

"There was not much point, because the boats were on their last lap," she said.

Arsenal searches for elusive first victory

LONDON (RE) — Over the past three months, Arsenal Manager George Graham has tried and failed to buy Kerry Dixon and David Speck from Chelsea and Aberdeen's exciting teenage striker Joe Miller.

His bids suggest Graham had serious reservations about pairing the enigmatic Charlie Nicholas with the gangling Alan Smith, his £800,000 (\$1.25 million) acquisition from Leicester.

For despite scoring both goals in Arsenal's 2-1 victory over Liverpool in last season's League Cup final, the name Nicholas could not number among Graham's list of favourite things and the pressure on the Scot appears to be mounting with every passing Saturday.

A 2-0 defeat at Queen's Park Rangers Saturday left Arsenal third from bottom of the First Division with just one point and one goal — scored by midfielder Paul Davis in last week's 2-1

defeat against Liverpool — from three matches.

Since Smith is the most recent arrival at Highbury, Nicholas is obviously the player under threat, and the temperamental Scot could hardly have derived much comfort from Graham's pre-match warning that he was expecting 40 goals from the new partnership.

"I'll try the two of them and see how it goes... if they don't work out I'll bring in someone else," said the pragmatic Graham.

Nicholas, adored on the terraces by the Arsenal fans who appreciate an entertainer, seemed to be trying too hard, at QPR and, with Smith sadly out of touch, only goalkeeper John Lukic saved Arsenal from an even more telling defeat.

"I think the first month of any new season is all about trying to lay a foundation," said Graham. "We had a great campaign last

season and I don't think I'll be making any rash statements until the first month is over. Everybody plays it up too much at the beginning."

But Graham's defiant words will find little sympathy among the Arsenal support which would rather see money spent on a creative midfielder who can give Nicholas the service he craves.

Any victory over one of the bigger London clubs is always rapturously received at Loftus Road and to add to QPR's joy their win also took them to the top of the First Division above Nottingham Forest on goal difference.

Though their time as First Division leaders is likely to be brief, younger rangers fans will forever relish the games from Johnny Byrne and Alan McDonald which accounted for the mighty Graham.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

4 injured, 40 arrested in football violence

PORTSMOUTH, England (R) — At least four people were injured and 40 arrested after fighting broke out at a soccer match in this southern English port town Saturday. Police said one man was taken to hospital after being slashed from his forehead to his chin and a second man was also cut across the chin. Two policemen were treated for minor injuries. The trouble began when Portsmouth supporters hurled bricks at rival Southampton fans after the match.

Penalty point fires Robertson to victory

BRISBANE, Australia (R) — A penalty point awarded against him at a crucial stage of the final game spurred Chris Robertson to victory in the Australian Open Squash Championship on Sunday. The former world junior champion reeled off the last eight points to beat title holder Rodney Martin — who defeated Jahangir Khan last month to win the New South Wales Open — 5-9, 9-6, 5-9, 9-1, 9-4 in an all-Australian final lasting 80 minutes.

Portuguese player dies on field

LISBON (R) — Portuguese soccer player Paulo Navalho died Sunday after collapsing during a pre-season friendly match, state radio reported. Navalho, 22, playing for Second Division Atletico Lisbon against United Arab Emirates club side Al-Jasir, was rushed to hospital but was dead on arrival. The cause of death was unknown and an autopsy was planned, the radio quoted club officials as saying.

Cricketer killed by lightning in London

LONDON (AP) — Lightning killed a cricketer and injured nine other players during an amateur match in West London on Saturday, the ambulance service said. Foster Archer, president of the club at Isleworth, said: "There was a blinding flash and a roaring blast of thunder and all the players fell to the ground. It was a horrible sight." Richard Chant, a player who was in the pavilion waiting his turn to bat, said: "I saw the bolt strike one player directly in the eye and he fell to the ground." The dead man was not immediately identified. He was playing for graduates of the London School of Economics against former scholars of Isleworth Grammar School. Storms with heavy rains caused severe flooding in parts of England and Wales during the day, after a spell of hot, humid weather.

Seirawan, Elvest and Korchnoi qualify

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — United States Yasser Seirawan and the Soviet Union's Jan Elvest Saturday joined Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland as the qualifiers from the Interzonal Tournament for the next year's tournament of chess candidates in Canada. Seirawan, playing white, defeated Dragan Barlov, Yugoslavia, after 31 moves in the last, 17th round. Jan Elvest, playing black, lost to Israel's Yehuda Gruenfeld after 36 moves but qualified on the basis of points accumulated previously.

Bordeaux Bob wins Iselin

OCEANPORT, New Jersey (AP) — Bordeaux Bob, last in the early going, closed strongly in the stretch and posted a length victory over Silver Comet in the \$275,200 Iselin Handicap at Monmouth Park on Saturday as favourites Lost Code and Waquoit faltered in the late going. Lost Code finished third, and Waquoit came in fourth in losing for the first time in six starts this year. In the end, it was a two-horse race just as everyone expected, except the contest was between Bordeaux Bob on the outside and Silver Comet on the inside.

Brazilian wins Rio Marathon

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Brazilian Osmiro de Souza E Silva won the Rio Marathon on Saturday, posting a record time of 2 hours, 15 minutes and 57 seconds. Osmiro de Souza E Silva finished the 42-kilometer race only 5 seconds ahead of compatriot Jose da Silva, and broke the record of 2:16.15 set by American Ron Tabb in 1985.

Swede, Soviet wrestlers triumph

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France (AP) — Thomas Johansson of Sweden mastered Igor Rostovski of the Soviet Union, 8-0, Saturday to win the gold medal in the 130-kilogramme (280-pound) category of the World Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships. In the battle for third place in the heaviest class of the competition, Rangel Guerovski of Bulgaria beat Jon Grigoras of Romania by disqualification.

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Dajani, Kuwaiti official hail bilateral sports ties

of the Kuwaiti Soccer Federation, also expressed satisfaction over sports relations between the two countries. He said Kuwaiti sportsmen had gained valuable experience from their Jordanian counterparts through joint field work and training camps.

During the meeting, Mr. Dajani hailed the brotherly ties between the Jordan and Kuwait football federations and expressed his hope that Sheikh Sabah's visit to Jordan would further boost bilateral cooperation in sports.

Sheikh Sabah, who is also head

Callit wins Int'l Trot

WESTBURY, N.Y. (R) — Callit blasted out from fifth place at the head of the stretch to win the \$200,000 International Trot, at Roosevelt Raceway Saturday night, and give Sweden only its second victory in the 29-year-old horse race.

Callit, owned by Ingrid Christensson of Arjung, Sweden, and driven by Karl Johansson, was timed in two minutes 33 and four-fifths seconds over the mile and a quarter course.

France's Potin d'Amour placed second and Tabor Lobell of the United States was third.

Fourth was Italy's Escotico Prad and Norway's Habib, the defending titlist, was fifth. West Germany's Every Way, Canada's

Starling stops Breland for WBA welterweight crown

COLUMBIA, S.C. (R) — Marvin Starling stopped Mark Breland in the 11th round Saturday to take away his fellow American's World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight crown and earn a possible unification bout with Britain's Lloyd Honeyghan.

In the 11th, Starling, behind on all three judges' cards, backed Breland into his own corner and buckled his knees with a looping right hand. The challenger then stepped up his attack, finally landing a haymaker left to Breland's head that sent the champion to the mat.

Breland rose to his knees, then staggered into the ropes but referee Tony Perez stopped the fight at 1:38 of the 11th of a scheduled 15 rounds.

"I am the best welterweight in the whole wide world," proclaimed Starling, who is one week away from his 29th birthday.

Younger McEnroe under pressure at Pan Am Games

INDIANAPOLIS (R) — Patrick McEnroe, younger brother of

Ramos: Philippine guerrillas getting weapons from abroad

MANILA (Agencies) — Philippine Communist rebels have acquired modern weapons from overseas and are shifting the focus of their struggle from the countryside to towns and cities, the military has said.

Armed Forces Chief General Fidel Ramos said Saturday most of the Communist New People's Army's (NPA) guns were bought abroad by the rebels' "international commission," led by a former Catholic priest.

"I am talking about modern high-powered firearms," Gen. Ramos told reporters without giving details. The NPA has about 22,000 regular soldiers by army estimates.

Manila newspapers, quoting military sources, have often reported sightings of Soviet ships supposedly landing arms for the rebels in provincial towns and of "Russian advisers" holding

teach-ins among the guerrillas.

Soviet embassy and NPA spokesmen have denied the reports.

"That is being checked," Gen. Ramos said, commenting on them.

The NPA has in the past armed itself with weapons captured from the largely U.S.-supplied army.

Gen. Ramos said the military had detected "a shift of emphasis" in the NPA's 18-year-old struggle "from the countryside to some urban centres, including Mindanao."

During the news conference, Gen. Ramos claimed Jose Maria Sison, founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines, and de-

areas to reduce support for the rebels.

It added that more than 2,000 rebels surrendered in the first half of this year under a government amnesty and promises of help in finding jobs.

The Manila Journal and Malaya Sunday quoted Ernesto Camino, mayor of the south eastern Mindanao town of Gagwait, as saying a small boat put ashore in Surigao Del Sur province on Aug. 5 and delivered weapons to the NPA's 21st Guerrilla Front, which operates there.

Mr. Camino, who said he was a rebel before his appointment as mayor in August 1986, also told the newspaper that Soviet advisers are training rebels in southern Mindanao.

The government this week announced a campaign to bring better social services to rural

Expelled Soviet official leaves Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Soviet Vice Trade Representative Yuri G. Pokrovsky left Japan Sunday, three days after being ordered out of the country in an exchange of expulsions between Japan and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Pokrovsky left from Tokyo's Narita Airport aboard a Soviet Aeroflot plane, an airline official said.

Japan announced Thursday it was expelling the Soviet official because he had failed to appear for questioning regarding police suspicions that he purchased information about aircraft instruments and controls stolen from a Japanese company.

The announcement of Mr. Pokrovsky's expulsion came shortly after the Soviet Union said it was ordering out a Japanese Defence Attaché, Nobuhiko Takeshima, for alleged espionage activities. It said it also

was expelling a Japanese businessman, Takao Otani, for allegedly trying to obtain commercial secrets from the Soviet Trade Ministry.

Japan's Foreign Ministry denied it was expelling Mr. Pokrovsky in retaliation for the Soviet deportations, and said there was no basis to the Soviet charges against Mr. Takeshima, one of three defence attachés stationed in Moscow.

Mr. Takeshima, the first Japanese diplomat ordered out of the Soviet Union since World War II, is expected to return to Japan sometime this week, news reports said.

Relations between the two countries chilled during the past several months over revelations of a series of alleged illegal transfers of high technology material from Japan to the Soviet Union. In April, the Japanese gov-

Ortega gives no response to meeting with contras

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The Sandinista government has given no indication that it would be willing to change its long-held position of refusing to meet directly with the contra rebels.

During his weekly Face the People meeting, President Daniel Ortega said the United States continues to support the rebels despite efforts by Central American leaders to bring about a ceasefire in the civil war.

On Friday, the six contra leaders said they would be willing to talk with the Sandinistas, but insisted they would not lay down their arms until Nicaragua is on an "irreversible path to democracy."

The rebels' announcement came after a meeting with President Jose Napoleón Duarte of El Salvador in that nation's capital of San Salvador.

Mr. Duarte suggested that the contras and leftist Salvadoran guerrillas hold simultaneous, but separate, talks Sept. 15 with the governments they oppose.

The Salvadoran guerrillas, who have been waging their own civil war since 1979, agreed to go along with the plan.

The goal is to put ceasefires into effect by Nov. 7 under a peace plan signed in Guatemala on Aug. 7 by Mr. Ortega, Mr. Duarte and the president of Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras.

Mr. Ortega said Saturday: "We are waiting for some gesture of

Ministers set up panel to monitor C. American peace accord

CARACAS (R) — Foreign ministers from 13 countries have established a commission to verify compliance with a Central American peace pact.

It includes the foreign ministers of the Contadora group — Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama — and its support group — Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay — as well as the secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS) and a senior United Nations official.

The pact, signed two weeks ago in Guatemala City, sets a Nov. 7 deadline for a ceasefire to end regional conflicts that have killed 100,000 people since 1980.

"We now enter a crucial phase, that of putting into practice the procedures for lasting peace," Venezuelan Foreign Minister Simon Alberto Consalvi said in opening Saturday meeting of the foreign ministers.

Salvadoran Foreign Minister Ricardo Acevedo said the country's left-wing guerrillas had not accepted the pact nor its ceasefire position.

"I will ask the foreign ministers here to appeal to the Salvadorean guerrillas to accept the peace accord, because it is the only irregular force in Central America which has not accepted it."

The rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) seek talks with the U.S.-backed government, but President Jose Napoleón Duarte says they must first accept the accord.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto said that if the United States granted new aid to the contras after Sept. 30, it would be very difficult for the plan to succeed.

Contra leaders agreed Friday to Mr. Duarte's proposal for peace talks to begin Sept. 15.

But Mr. D'Esco said the government would only negotiate with President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz, they were the true leaders of the contras.

"If Reagan publicly says, 'I am a contra too,' then why not talk to him," he said. "He is at the head of the (contra) team ... He is the one that pays them."

Otto Reich, the U.S. ambassador to Venezuela, visited the conference site and asked to speak with Guatemalan Foreign Minister Alfredo Cabrera, but was rebuffed.

The foreign minister, who was in a closed-door session of the conference, replied through an aide he could not meet Mr. Reich.

Waving the white handkerchiefs adopted by the Civic Crusade as a protest symbol, the women chanted anti-government slogans and carried signs with such messages as "Open La Prensa" and "I want a legitimate and

just government for my children."

The opposition daily La Prensa and two other newspapers, El Siglo and Extra, were closed by the government on July 26 over their demands that Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega resign. Noriega is head of the national defence forces and is regarded as the power behind Mr. Devalle's presidency.

No uniformed police or soldiers were visible as at least 20,000 women marched eight kilometres along the main downtown commercial street, preceded and followed by hundreds of cars whose drivers honked horns constantly.

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